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Organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to assist the Sixth Committee in the organization of its work, the Secretariat finds it appropriate, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 and 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and of rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to draw the attention of the Sixth Committee to the following.

Items allocated to the Sixth Committee

2. At its 19th plenary meeting, on 20 September 2002, the General Assembly decided to allocate 17 items to the Sixth Committee. The list of those items is contained in the letter dated 20 September 2002 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/57/1).

Documentation relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee

3. The following table lists the documents of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly relating to the items proposed for allocation to the Sixth Committee. It includes references to the reports of commissions or committees and the reports that are to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions or decisions of the Assembly at preceding sessions, as well as to the documents circulated under the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee,* in accordance with requests of Member States.

* The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number on the agenda of the fifty-seventh session. The list of documents is based on information available as at 20 September 2002.

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	Projected date of issuance
Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [152]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/164 and Add.1)	17 September, ...
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [153]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/99 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2)	Issued, ...
Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [154]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 22* (A/57/22)	Issued
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session [155]	
Report of the Commission, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/57/17)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the increase in the membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/56/315)	Issued
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fourth session [156]	
Report of the Commission, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 10* (A/57/10)	End September
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [157]	
Report of the Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/57/26)	Early November
Letter dated 18 July 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/222)	Issued
Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]	
Report of the Secretary-General on the Establishment of the International Criminal Court (A/57/403)	Early October
Letter dated 9 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/208)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]	
Report of the Special Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 33* (A/57/33)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/57/165 and Add.1)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (A/57/370)	27 September
Letter dated 14 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/88-S/2002/672)	Issued
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/57/37)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General (A/57/183 and Add.1)	25 September and early October
Letter dated 16 April 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/57/66)	Issued
Letter dated 6 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/84-S/2002/645)	Issued
Letter dated 14 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/88-S/2002/672)	Issued
Letter dated 10 July 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/203)	Issued
Letter dated 31 July 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/269-S/2002/854)	Issued
Identical letters dated 1 August 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly and President of the Security Council (A/57/273-S/2002/875)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Letter dated 23 August 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/341-S/2002/950)	Issued
Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [161]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 52* (A/57/52)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (A/55/637)	Issued
International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [162]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 51* (A/57/51)	Issued
Proposal submitted by France and Germany (A/C.6/57/WG.1/CRP.1 and Add.1)	Issued, ...
Revised information document prepared by the Secretariat (A/AC.263/2002/INF/1/Rev.1)	23 September
Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [163]	
Letter dated 14 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/226)	Issued
Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [164]	
Letter dated 24 April 2001 from the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Egypt, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/241)	Issued
Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly [165]	
Letter dated 1 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/141)	Issued
Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly [166]	

	Projected date of issuance
Letter dated 14 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/57/142)	Issued
Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [22]	
(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/996)	Issued
Letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/56/614)	Issued
Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]	No advance documentation

Date for concluding the work of the Committee, order and approximate dates of consideration of items

4. Rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

> "Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it. It shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item."

5. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Sixth Committee, indicated in paragraph 12 below, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 8 November 2002 for the conclusion of its work.

6. The Sixth Committee may wish to consider, for the purpose of adopting its programme of work, the following timetable, which indicates approximate dates of consideration of agenda items referred to it, drawn up on the basis of the relevant General Assembly resolutions as well as previous programmes of work adopted by the Committee:

	Approximate dates of consideration
Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [153]	26-27 September
Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [163]	27 September
Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [164]	27 September
Observer status for the Asian Development Bank in the General Assembly [165]	27 September
Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly [166]	27 September
Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [22]	27 September
(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union	
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session [155]	30 September
Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [161] (see para. 8 below)	30 September-1 October 23 and 24 October
Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [152]	1-2 October
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (see para. 7 below)	2-3 October
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]	4-7 October
Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]	14-15 October
International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [162] (see para. 9 below)	17-18 October
Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [154]	21-22 October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fourth session [156]	28 October-6 November
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [157]	7 November
Election of the officers of the Main Committees [5]	7 November
Reserve	8 November

Establishment of working groups and holding of consultations

7. Concerning agenda item 160, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the General Assembly, in its resolution 56/88 of 12 December 2001, decided that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996 should continue, if necessary, during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee. In the light of the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, as contained in paragraph 20 of its report,[1] and following further consultations with the bureau of the Ad Hoc Committee, 15 and 16 October have been reserved for this purpose.

8. Concerning agenda item 161, entitled "Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel", the General Assembly, in its resolution 56/89 of 12 December 2001, recommended that, following the submission of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel, the Sixth Committee consider whether to continue that work during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly from 7 to 11 October 2002 within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee.

9. Concerning agenda item 162, entitled "International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings", the General Assembly, by its resolution 56/93 of 12 December 2001, recommended that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on an International Convention against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings continue during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly from 23 to 27 September 2002, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee.

10. In view of the limited conference services available to the Sixth Committee, as indicated in paragraph 12 below, any meetings for working groups or for informal consultations would have to be accommodated in place of, rather than in addition to, meetings allocated to the Committee.

Deadline for submission of draft resolutions with financial implications

11. According to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, "no resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General". It is therefore imperative that the Sixth Committee allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimates of expenditure by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and by the Fifth Committee. Under the circumstances, if 7 November is accepted as the concluding date for the work of the Sixth Committee (see para. 5 above), 25 October 2002 would have to be considered as the mandatory deadline for submission to the Fifth Committee of draft resolutions with financial implications.

Conference resources available

12. The available conference facilities will, in principle, enable the Committee to hold no more than 9/10 plenary meetings per week and the working groups referred to in paragraphs 7, 8 and 9 above to hold, respectively, 2, 6 and 7 meetings for the week. Normally, morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

13. In order to avoid difficulties in the organization of services for the meetings of regional groups of the Committee, it is suggested that all requests for such meetings be channelled to the Planning and Meetings Servicing Section through the Secretary of the Committee.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/57/37).